

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE


Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice SIP-34

For: State and County Offices

SIP and SIP-ICE Funds Management

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Notices SIP-32 and SIP-33 provide policy to County Offices and Service Foresters on obligating remaining SIP and SIP-ICE funds. All SIP and SIP-ICE funds were to be obligated no later than March 30, 2001.

Any remaining unobligated SIP or SIP-ICE funds were to be reported to the FS National Office by April 20.

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Purpose

This notice issues procedure for using the remaining unobligated and obligated SIP and SIP-ICE funds.

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Contact

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the applicable State Office
- FSA State Offices shall contact Ilka Gray, CEPD, at 202-690-0794
- FS or State Forestry Offices shall contact regional FS offices
- Regional FS offices shall contact Susan Stein, FS, at 202-205-0837.

Disposal Date

January 1, 2003

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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2 Authorized Use of SIP and SIP-ICE Funds

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Using Unobligated Funds

FS will be issuing SIP-357's to each State Office for unobligated funds reported to the FS National Office according to Notice SIP-32 and SIP-33.

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Using Obligated Funds

Slippage funds (funds that have been deobligated from SIP or SIP-ICE contracts) shall be used for **only** the following situations:

- approved producer appeals
- errors or omissions
- within the same contract.

Notes: Slippage within the same contract may be used to provide funding for additional practices **only** if justified by FS on the forest stewardship plan. Increases in costs may also be addressed with slippage funds within the same contract.

Slippage from 1 contract may **not** be transferred to another contract even if it is for the same producer.

3 Action

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State Office Action

State Offices shall review this notice with STC and DD's and provide a copy to all County Offices.

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County Office Action

County Offices shall review, with COC, the policy concerning SIP and SIP-ICE funding.
